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SUBJECT:	Administrative Review (ECPD #21PD21280)	Nextdoo	You We auClairePD

On Wednesday November 3, 2021 the Eau Claire Police Department was involved in the fatal shooting of a man who had stabbed a woman and was armed with a knife inside a residence on the west side of Eau Claire. The subject, who was pronounced deceased at the scene, was identified as LeKenneth Q. Miller DOB 2/14/1991.

Pursuant to Wisconsin State Statute and Eau Claire Police Department policy, the Wisconsin Department of Justice - Division of Criminal Investigations completed a criminal investigation. This investigation can be located on the Wisconsin Department of Justice Officer Involved Critical Incidents page at the following website address:

https://www.doj.state.wi.us/dci/officer-involved-critical-incident

On December 28, 2021, Eau Claire County District Attorney Peter Rindal provided a written summary based on the investigation completed by the Wisconsin Department of Justice - Division of Criminal Investigations. In this summary, District Attorney Peter Rindal advised that Officer O'Neill's use of force was justified as a reasonable act of self-defense and defense of others.

The Eau Claire Police Department has concluded an Administrative Review of the incident. The purpose of conducting the Administrative Review is to determine policy adherence during critical incidents. It has been determined that the decision making and actions of Officer O'Neill were appropriate, necessary, and compliant with Eau Claire Police Department policy.

A copy of the Eau Claire Police Department Administrative Review document can be located on the Eau Claire Police Department Public Information page at the following website address:

https://www.eauclairewi.gov/government/our-divisions/police-department/public-information/-folder-1936#doc an 3764_8790_4917

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For the Chief of Police, Lieutenant Benjamin Frederick Eau Claire Police Department Professional Standards Bureau